



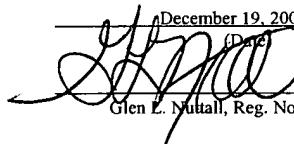
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In re application of : Patrick J. O'Donnell  
App. No. : 09/557,234  
Filed : April 24, 2000  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR DISLODGING INSECTS  
FROM PLANTS  
Examiner : A. Valenti  
Art Unit : 3643

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December 19, 2001  
  
Glen L. Nuttal, Reg. No. 46,188

**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

(X) An extension of time to respond for three (3) months is hereby requested.

Time Extension Fee:

( ) one month (\$55 small entity)  
( ) two months (\$200 small entity)  
(X) three months (\$460 small entity)

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims 33 — 28		= 5 × \$9		= \$45
Independent Claims 3 — 3		= 0 × \$42		= \$0

If application has been amended to contain multiple  
dependent claim(s), then add \$140 = \$0

Time Extension Fee \$460

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**TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE  
FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$505**

(X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.  
(X) Return prepaid postcard.

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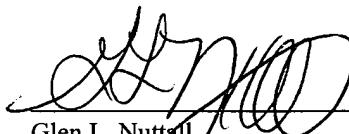
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- (X) A check in the amount of \$505 is enclosed.
- (X) Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.



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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 4, 5, 6, 10 and 16 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A hand held spray apparatus for removing insects from and cleaning plant leaves, the apparatus comprising:

a substantially rigid tubular handle portion adapted to be connected to a source of pressurized water and having a substantially straight proximal section, a substantially straight distal section having a length of at least about one foot, and a bend point between the proximal and distal sections;

a nozzle portion at a generally distal end of the handle portion, the nozzle portion adapted to direct a flow of the pressurized water to create a substantially planar wall of water directed outwardly about the circumference of the nozzle, the wall of water being